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Director John F. Carter
FDIC – San Francisco Regional Office
25 Jesse Street at Ecker Square, Suite 2300
San Francisco, CA 94105

Dear John:

This letter is written to OPPOSE the recent application of Wal-Mart for FDIC insurance for its industrial loan company in Utah.

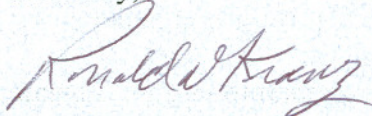
There has been legislation in the Gramm-Leach Bliley Act to oppose such mixing of banking and commerce. Any mixing could jeopardize the impartial allocation of credit and create a conflict of interest on the commercial entity.

Realizing that Wal-Mart is requesting only limited powers at this time, my concerns are that once given what stops them from requesting broad powers in the future. The broad powers, if given, could have an adverse impact on community banks in each and every town or city in which they are located. If you look at the entire operation of Wal-Mart now, any gain in the banking industry could represent an ill-advised and unprecedented concentration of economic power.

Many main streets in our state have been emptied out by the power of Wal-Mart now and the money flows to other areas as quickly as it is spent at any of their stores.

We currently provide banking services at the local Wal-Mart store, and that opportunity exists in most of their stores today; therefore, there is no further need of granting them a charter to do any type of banking on their own.

Sincerely,



Ronald D. Kranz
President & CEO

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